

REMARKS

Entry of the present amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §312 is requested. The amendment is needed to claim 22 to claim the full scope of the invention. The amended language had been originally presented in a new dependent claim in response to a non-final Office Action. In a subsequent Office Action, this claim was deemed to contain allowable subject matter if rewritten into independent form. The original presented claim focused on one disclosed embodiment which included pivotable latches. However, the pivotability of the latches was not necessary to distinguish over the cited prior art, since none of the cited references disclose a pair of locking cams and latching surfaces that engage the cams to removably mount a track assembly to an advancement gun.

The proposed amendment does not require any additional search since the claim still requires a pair of locking cams to removably mount the track assembly to the gun. It is presumed that the search conducted in the review of claim 22 was directed to this feature and no new prior art was cited showing any locking cam feature. The definition of the locking cams and some form of latching surface is sufficient to distinguish over the art of record. Thus, the proposed amended claim 22 is patentable over the cited art.

The amendment to claim 22 is needed for Applicant to capture the full scope of the patentable invention, since none of the cited art shows locking cams and any form of latching surface for removably mounting a track to an advancement gun. This need was discovered upon review of the claims in response to receipt of the Notice of Allowance. Entry of this amendment will not

present any additional burden or require reopening prosecution of this application. Applicant therefore requests entry of this amendment to claim 22 prior to Applicant's anticipated payment of the issue fee.

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